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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2005 (the "Office Action"), in which a three (3) month shortened period for reply is August 12, 2005, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks:

Please cancel claim 51 and amend claims 52, 53, 58, 59 and 62.